

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 767

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to recognize Keith Taylor on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Keith Taylor, fire chief of the Wilson Emergency Management Agency, is one such estimable person, who has served with distinction for forty years as a dedicated member of the department and will be taking his much-deserved retirement on April 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Keith Taylor first joined the Wilson Emergency Management Agency in 1978 when it was known as Lebanon/Wilson County Civil Defense. He became a full-time employee in 1980, was promoted to an officer position in 1982, and was named fire chief in 1999; and

WHEREAS, the Wilson Emergency Management Agency has grown since Chief Taylor took the helm. When he was first hired, the agency had ten or fewer full-time employees and today has a staff of 125 full-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor's many duties and responsibilities have encompassed the acquisition of new equipment such as new fire engines and rescue trucks as well as oversight of special operations, including the department's water rescue and hazardous materials cleanup teams; and

WHEREAS, Chief Keith Taylor exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a devoted husband and father, Keith Taylor enjoys the love and support of his wife, Holly Taylor, and their three children, Ashley, Braden, and Jacob; and

WHEREAS, though his co-workers at the Wilson Emergency Management Agency will miss his friendship, knowledge, and experience, Chief Taylor looks forward to spending his retirement riding his tractor and cutting hay; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Keith Taylor has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the citizens of Wilson County; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Keith Taylor our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.